

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 2-5 and 7-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have therefore rewritten claim 2 to include all of the limitations of claim 1; and claim 7 to include all of the limitations of claim 6. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled.

Claims 3-5 are allowable since they are directly dependent upon amended claim 2, which is allowable; and claims 8-10 are allowable since they are directly dependent upon amended claim 7, which is allowable. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1 and 6 be withdrawn.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that this is a full and complete response to the Office Action. For the reasons discussed above, applicant now respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in complete condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn; and that claims 2-5 and 7-10 be allowed in their present form. If the Examiner feels that any issues that remain require discussion, he is kindly invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve the issues.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that

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such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue.

Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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